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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS Etc.,

**COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
GUNTUR.**

Rc.No.REVGNT-CSEC0VCIN(VER)/155/2019-SA(C4)-COLGNT
(Rc.No.1562/2019/C4).

Date: 01.10.2022.

CASTE STATUS ENQUIRY - GUNTUR DISTRICT - ENQUIRY CONDUCTED BY THE DLSC IN TO THE COMPLAINT PETITION FILED BY SRI.MARNENI JOSEPH S/o CHINNAIAH AGAINST THE CASTE STATUS OF Sri YAMMANI NASARAIAH AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS BEFORE THE HON'BLE AP LOKAYUKTA AND OTHER FORUMS- DLSC RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, GUNTUR - NOTICE ISSUED TO RESPONDENTS - CASE HEARD ON 27.07.2022 - CANCELLATION OF THE CASTE CERTIFICATES.

- Read:-
- 1 Findings of the District Level Scrutiny Committee dt.26.05.2022.
 - 2 This office Notice dt.20.06.2020 issued to Respondents and the Complainant.
 - 3 Reply letter of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah, dt.10.07.2022.
 - 4 This office Notice dt.19.07.2022 issued to Respondents and the Complainant.
 - 5 Reply of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah, dt.25.07.2022.

ORDER:

The Collector, Warangal Urban has forwarded a complaint filed by Sri M. Joseph, S/o Chinnaiah resident of Guntur alleging that Sri Yammani Chandrasekhar who is working as Assistant professor in NIT, Warangal and Yammani Nasaraiah resident of Annapurna Nagar, Amaravathi Road, Guntur fraudulently obtained BC Caste Certificates and secured Job under BC quota. Hence the District Collector, Warangal requested for taking necessary action in the matter.

As per the contents of the petition filed by Sri M. Joseph addressed to the District Collector, Warangal Sri Yammani Chandrasekhar who is working as Assistant Professor in NIT, Warangal secured job under BC reservation category by producing false caste certificate as belonging to "Setti Balija".

The petitioner stated that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah father of Sri Yammani Chandrasekhar was a native of Prakasam District and he belongs to "Balija" caste. He migrated to Guntur District about 50 years back and settled at Gorantla Village of Guntur Mandal. The said Nasaraiah also had obtained a Caste Certificate as if he belongs to "Perika Balija" caste which comes under BC category, and secured job as attender in the O/o RIO, Board of Intermediate Education, Guntur. Later he retired as Record Assistant in the year 2008. The petitioner alleged that Yammani Nasaraiah had obtained "Setti Balija", BC Caste Certificates for his son Yammani Chandrasekhar by giving bribe to Revenue Officials.

The petitioner stated that the ancestors of Yammani Nasaraiah belong to Markapuram and Darsi areas in Prakasam District. The petitioner also made similar allegations against other family members of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah.

The petitioner requested to take the following action against Sri. Yammani Chandrasekhar S/o Nasaraiah:

1. To remove him from the job and file criminal case.
2. To recover the Scholarship amount and salary amount etc.,
3. To cause enquiry and file criminal case.
4. To parade him before the print media and electronic media to expose his fraud.

The petitioner enclosed xerox copies of letters, etc., collected from the office of the RIO, BIE, Guntur, GGH, Guntur, District Court, Guntur, NIT, Warangal, RVR & JC College, Chowdavaram. But he has not enclosed any xerox copy of the caste certificate.

The Superintendent of Police, CBI, ACB, Visakhapatnam has also forwarded a copy of the complaint filed by Sri M. Joseph, wherein it is alleged that Shri Yammani Nasaraiah, Gorantla Village, Guntur District and his family members belong to OC community, but they obtained Government jobs by producing fake caste certificates saying that they belong to BC community. It is further alleged that they got white ration cards though they are Govt. Employees. Hence requested for taking necessary action.

As per the petition forwarded by the Superintendent of Police, CBI, ACB, Visakhapatnam Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members obtained false caste certificates as belonging to Back ward class category. It is alleged that Yammani Chandrasekhar S/o Nasaraiah obtained "Setti balija" caste

certificate where as Yammani Saraswathi D/o Nasaraiah obtained "Perika Balija" Caste certificate. Yammani Chandra sekhar got job as Assistant Professor in NIT, Warangal and his name continued in white ration card.

It is also alleged that said Yammani Nasaraiah earned properties illegally. The petitioner requested to cause enquiry in to this aspect also.

The petitioner stated that

1. Yammani Nasaraiah obtained "Perika Balija" caste certificate and secured job in office of the RIO, BIE.
2. Yammani Adilakshmi W/o Nasaraiah secured job in GGH, Guntur by producing false caste certificate.
3. Yammani Chandrasekhar S/o Nasaraiah secured job as Assistant Professor in NIT, Warangal by producing false caste certificate.
4. Yammani Saraswathi, D/o Nasaraiah pursuing studies by producing false caste certificate as belonging to "Perika Balija".

The Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Backward Classes, New Delhi has also forwarded the representation filed by Sri M. Joseph, S/o Chinnaiah with a direction to take necessary action in the matter.

The following are the contents in the petition dt.10.10.2019 submitted by Sri M. Joseph to the Hon'ble National Commission for BCs

1. Yammani Chandrasekhar S/o Nasaraiah got job as a Assistant Professor in NIT, Warangal under OBC "Setti Balija" category but he belongs to "Balija".
2. Sri Yammani Nasaraiah belongs to "Balija" caste obtained false caste certificate as belonging to "Perika Balija" and got job in the o/o the RIO,BIE, Guntur.
3. Y. Adilakshmi W/o Nasaraiah got job in GGH, Guntur basing on a false caste certificate and study certificate created by Sri Y. Nasaraiah.
4. Y. Saraswathi D/o Nasaraiah also obtained false caste certificate as belonging to "Perika Balija".

The petitioner stated that the ancestors of Yammani Nasaraiah belong to Markapuram and Darsi areas in Prakasam District. Y.Nasaraiah migrated to Guntur District about 50 years back, obtained false caste certificate for himself and his family members.

The Hon'ble Institution of Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh, has directed the District Collector, Guntur to inquire into the complaint petition filed by M. Joseph, wherein the petitioner alleged that Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members who are residents of Gorantla Village of Guntur Rural

Mandal obtained B.C. caste certificates fraudulently and therefore requested to enquire into the matter and take action as per law and submit report.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur to whom the matter was referred for enquiry has submitted his report stating that the Tahsildar, Guntur East has submitted a comprehensive report in this regard, that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkateswarlu (Venkataiah) has migrated from Prakasam district to Guntur District and settled at Gorantla Village, Annapurna Nagar, 6th Line, Guntur East Mandal since 20 years. Smt. Yammani Adi Lakshmi is wife of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and this couple had four children namely 1. Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi 2. Yammani Venkata Siva Parvathi 3. Yammani Chandra Sekhar and 4. Yammani Saraswati.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur further submitted that the following things were revealed during enquiry about the caste status of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members.

- Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkateswarlu (Venkataiah) joined as Night Watchman in the O/o the RIO, Board of Intermediate Education, Guntur and later on retired as Record Assistant in the year 2008. He obtained a Community Certificate from the then Tahsildar of Sattenapalli Taluka dated.04.12.1980 by mentioning as "Eediga Balija" BC caste.
- Smt. Yammani Adi Lakshmi wife of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah has studied Fifth class and working as Female Thoti in Govt. General Hospital, Guntur. She obtained a caste certificate with "Perika Balija" caste which comes under BC-B Category issued by the then Mandal Revenue Officer, Guntur Vide certificate No. 6056/91, Dt.08.07.1991.
- Smt. Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi, who is first child to the couple Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Adi Lakshmi has studied 10th class and working as Attender in District Court, Guntur. She obtained a Caste Certificate with "Ediga Balija" caste which comes under BC-B category as per Transfer Certificate issued by Govt. Junior College for Girls, Guntur vide Admission No.325/92, Dt. 04.01.2020.
- Smt. Yammani Venkata Siva Parvathi, who is second child to the couple Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Adi Lakshmi has studied 10th class and got married and living as house wife. Her caste is recorded as "Ediga Balija" BC caste as noted in the Transfer Certificate issued by St. Joseph's Girls High School, Guntur.
- Sri Yammani Chandra Sekhar, who is third son of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Adi Lakshmi now working as Assistant Professor in NIT, Warangal had obtained Caste certificate as belongs to "Setti Balija" caste which comes under BC-B category as per Caste certificate dated 15.12.2007 issued by the Tahsildar, Vijayawada Urban, Krishna District vide certificate ID. 0617-8404-5084-39015. The caste is mentioned as BC in his Transfer Certificate issued by Nalanda Institute of Engineering & Technology, Kantepudi Village, Sattenapalli Mandal, Guntur District vide certificate No. 330, dated 08.06.2007., but his caste mentioned as "Eediga Balija"

BC-B in school admission form dated 01.07.1996 filed at the time of joining class VI in Hindu college high school and also in the TC issued by the Hindu College High School, Guntur. The Tahsildar, Guntur East reported that Y.Chandrasekhar attended for enquiry on 21.12.2021 and given a statement claiming that his ancestors hail from Krishna District, he was born in Vijayawada, he belongs to setti balija, therefore he obtained setti balija BC-B caste certificate from the Thasildar Vijayawada, Urban.

- Smt. Yammani Saraswathi, who is fourth child and younger daughter of couple Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Adi Lakshmi has studied M.Tech and got married with Sri Marneni Chinnaiah S/o Joseph (Marneni Joseph is the complainant) and her caste was mentioned as "Perika Balija" which comes under BC-B Category in the Transfer Certificate issued by Naveena Vidyaniketan High School, Guntur vide Admission no. 355, TC No.137/2006-07.

It is further stated that during enquiry the family members of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah given a statement that the couple Sri Marneni Chinnaiah and Smt. Yammani Saraswathi blessed with a female child. Later the family of Sri Marneni Joseph harassed Smt. Yammani Saraswathi for extra dowry; therefore a complaint was lodged at the Police Station by Smt. Yammani Saraswathi against Marneni Chinnaiah her husband and other in-laws. The family members further stated that because of this the family of Sri Marneni Joseph S/o Chinnaiah is filing complaint petitions.

As per the report of the RDO, Guntur that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah alias venkateswarlu, Smt. Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi D/o Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Yammani Venkata Siva Parvathi D/o Yammani Nasaraiah have obtained their Caste Certificates as belongs to "Ediga Balija" caste which comes under BC-B (Sl.No.4) category and Smt. Yammani Adi Lakshmi W/o Yammani Nasaraiah and Smt. Yammani Saraswathi D/o Yammani Nasaraiah have obtained their Caste Certificates as belonging to "Perika Balija" caste which comes under BC-B(Sl.No.15) Category and Sri Yammani Chandra Sekhar S/o Yammani Nasaraiah obtained his Caste Certificates as "Setti Balija" (Sl.No.4) which comes under BC-B Category and the same was informed by their family members in the statements recorded.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur finally reported that the family of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o venkataiah alias Venkateswarlu has migrated from Prakasam district and their relatives are not available here to enquire about the caste status of family members of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah alias Venkateswarlu and the origins of "Balija" Caste are not here in Guntur District and hence requested to place the issue before the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) for taking further action in this regard.

Subsequently, as per the orders of the Collector & District Magistrate, Guntur, the matter was placed before the D.L.S.C. The D.L.S.C under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector conducted enquiry on 25.07.2020., 05.09.2020., and 24.09.2021. The Complainant and the respondents attended before the DLSC and filed their respective claims. The committee has referred the matter to the Deputy

Director, Backward Classes Welfare Officer, Guntur for submission of detailed report. The Deputy Director, Backward Classes Welfare Officer, Guntur has submitted her report stating that the family of the respondents has migrated from Prakasam District and their relatives are not available in Guntur District to confirm the caste status of family members of the respondent. One of the family members Mr. Yammani Chandra Sekhar obtained BC-B caste Certificate from the Tahsildar, Vijayawada Rural. Therefore, the Committee has referred the matter to the Collector & District Magistrate, Krishna and Prakasam Districts for causing enquiry and sending reports on the claim of the respondents.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District stated that the Tahsildar, Tripuranthakam enquired into the matter and the Tahsildar has reported that

- The enquiry revealed Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkata Subbaiah who is presently residing at Guntur had resided at Hasanapuram Village and left the village 50 years back and went to Guntur for job purpose and settled at Guntur.
- There are 10 families having surname "Yammani" were residing at Hasanapuram Village of Tripuranthakam Mandal.
- Sri Yammani Gali Venkateswarlu S/o Guravaiah and others have stated that 60 years back, the people having "Yammani" surname belong to "Ediga Balija", and at present the people with surname "Yammani" belong to "Setti Balija". Further they stated that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah was well known to them and he left village since 50 years back and settled at Guntur, Yammani Nasaraiah and his son Yammani Chandra Sekhar belong to "Ediga Balija" and the families who are having "Yammani" surname at Hasanapuram village depends on agriculture.
- As per "Register of Admission and withdrawals" of M.P.U.P school, Hasanapuram H/o Dupadu village of Tripuranthakam Mandal, it is noted that surname with "Yammani" belongs to "Hindu Balija".
- As verified from the Admission Register of M.P.U.P school, Hasanapuram H/o Dupadu village, the Sl.No.815 of Kum Yammani Sandhya Rani D/o Sri Yammani Gali Venkateswarlu, who has given statement as "Hindu Balija" caste, stated in the statement that she does not belong to "Setti Balija" caste. He belongs to "Balija".
- As verified the old Birth & Death registers for the year 1978,1985,1998 available in the Tahsildar Office, Tripuranthakam, it is noticed that the surname with "Yammani" are noted as "Balija" in Col.17, hence it is clearly shows that the people with surname "Yammani" belongs to "Balija" which comes under "OC" category and not come under the category of "BC" in Tripuranthakam Mandal.
- Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkata Subbaiah who had resided at Hasanapuram H/o Dupadu Village long back, went to Guntur and settled there.
- The certificate produced by Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah under "BC" category noted as "Ediga Balija" was issued to him at Phirangipuram, Sattenapalli Taluk of Guntur District during the year 1980 and as per the Transfer Certificates of his daughters i.e., Yammani Venkata Siva Parvathi and Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi, it is also noted as "Ediga Balija-BC" and the two certificates were issued in Guntur District.
- The Tahsildar, Tripuranthakam finally reported that the people with surname "Yammani" who are residing at Hasanapuram H/o Dupadu village of Tripuranthakam Mandal belong to "Balija-OC" caste and it will not come under the category of "BC" in Tripuranthakam Mandal.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Krishna District has informed that the Tahsildar, Vijayawada and the Sub Collector, Vijayawada who enquired into the matter have submitted their report that Settibalija BC-B caste certificate issued to Sri Yammani Chandra Sekhar S/o Nasaraiah from the office of the Tahsildar, Vijayawada Central is genuine one.

The DLSC meeting was again conducted on 23-04-2022. The complainant and the respondents were present.

The DLSC made the following observations;

- Complainant stated that Yammani Nasaraiah belongs to Dupada Village of Tripurantakam Mandal of Prakasam District. They are having house and agricultural land also. In that village the people with surname "Yammani" belongs to "Baliya" caste, but Yammani Nasaraiah obtained "Eediga Baliya" caste certificate from Tahsildar, Sattenapalli.
- His son obtained "Setti Baliya"-BC-B caste certificate from the Tahsildar, Vijayawada Urban. Smt.Y.Adi Lakshmi wife of Y.Nasaraiah obtained perika Baliya BC-B cate certificate from MRO, Guntur on 08.07.1991. Yammani Saraswathi younger daughter obtained perika Baliya BC-B caste certificate, dated. 28.04.2007 from the Tahsildar, Guntur.
- It is also noticed that the caste of the family members entered as either Eediga Baliya or Perika Baliya in the school records.
- Though Sri Yammani Nasaraiah belongs to Baliya which comes under OC category, he and his family members obtained either Eediga, Perika, or Setti Baliya BC-B certificates to avail reservation.
- Smt.Yammani Adilakshmi W/o Y.Nasaraiah and elder daughter Smt. Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi stated that their family belongs to "Setti Baliya" community but not Baliya community. Smt.Subba Lakshmi further stated that she did not avail any reservation and selected as attender in District Court under open category.

It is submitted that the complainant filed the following evidences in support of his contentions claiming that the respondents belong to Baliya (OC) but obtained false BC caste certificates:

"The village Revenue Officer of Dupadu village has furnished a reply to the RTI query stating that the families with surname Yammani and Katika resided at Dupadu and Hasanapur villages belong to Baliya by caste. Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkata Subbaiah, Yammani Nayarana S/o Venkata Subbaiah, Yammani Venkata Naidu S/o Narayanamma belong to Baliya by caste.

There are 16 Baliya Community Families at Hasanapur village. Yammani Pitchemma, Yammani Subbaiah, Yammani Gowramma, Yammani Chinna Eswaramma are beneficiaries of Kapu Nestam(OC). Yammani Nasaraiah had migrated to Guntur Town to earn livelihood as per enquiry conducted at Dupadu Village.

Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkata Subbaiah is having landed property at Dupadu village of Tripurantakam Mandal. As per Aadhar card, the name of father Yammani Nasaraiah is entered as Venkataiah."

- As per Letter.Rc. No.120/2021, dated 27-08-2021 of the PIO office of the Telangana State Board of Intermediate Education Yammani Nasaraiah joined as Night Watchman in the office of the RIO, Intermediate Education, Guntur on 13-4-1982 converted as an attender on 17-6-1986. His education qualification is recorded as SSC and Intermediate.
- As per RTI information furnished by PIO of GGH, Guntur in his Letter.RC.No. 39/55E2/2019/22-06-2019 Srimathi Adhi Lakshmi joined as Female Thoti in GGH, Guntur on 2-4-1993, as per records her Date of Birth is 1-7-1962 and studied 5th class. Her caste particulars not entered in the service register.
- As per report dated 5-5-2021 submitted by the establishment section, Smt Yammani Adhi Lakshmi was appointed as Female Thoti in GGH, Guntur as per reference dated 5-03-1993 from the Employment Office, Guntur. She joined duty on 2-04-1993, her date of birth is 1-07-1962 and she passed 5th class as per the certificate dated 14-12-1999 said to be issued by the Head Master of Gorlavaripalem School but caste was not recorded in the service register. The xerox copy of the extract of service register is filed.
- The MEO, Guntur furnished reply dated 25-06-2021 stating that Srimathi Adi Lakshmi not studied in their School as per the school admission register and no certificate dated 14-12-1999 was issued to Smt. Adi Lakshmi. The Head Mistress, MPPS high school, Gorlavaripalem also confirmed on 25-06-2021 that Srimathi Adi Lakshmi never studied in their school and no certificate was issued to her.
- The Assistant, PIO cum AO of the District Court, Guntur in his reply letter bearing No. 2957/dated 1-7-2019, furnished the following information relating to the appointment order of Smt. Katika Venkata Subbalakshmi daughter of Yammani Nasaraiah.
- Date of Birth of Katika Venkata Subbalakshmi daughter of Yammani Nasaraiah as per the register with the District Court is 12-08-1975 and date of entry into the service of Katika Venkata Subbalakshmi daughter of Yammani Nasaraiah in the District Court, Guntur is 25-05-2009. The education qualification of Srimathi Kattika Venkata Lakshmi as per register in the District Court, Guntur is 10th class. Her caste category is O.C other caste.
- The Principal of Government Junior College for Girls in her letter dated 9-9-2021 furnished the following information in respect of Yammani Venkata Subbalakshmi, Date of Admission 10-7-1992 and Admission No. 325, the student's name is Yammani Venkata Subba Lakshmi Ediga Balija (BC-B)PC.No.861 and TC issued on 06-01-2020.
- The Deputy Education Officer, Guntur in his Letter.RC. No. 231/2021, dated 8-09-2021 furnished information in respect of Yammani Chandra Sekhar as per the records maintained in Hindu College High School, Yammani Chandra Sekhar with school Admission No. 10674 studied 6th class during the year 1996-1997 recommended as "Setti Balija".
- As per the information given by the Principal of Nalanda Institute of Engineering and Technology, Kantepudi, Sattenapalli Mandal, Yammani Chandra Sekhar S/o Nasaraiah the caste is recorded as (BC-B). As per the letter dated 1-11-2021, Yammani Chandra Sekhar with roll No.071705.

"The Deputy Registrar, NIT, Warangal furnished extract of student list as per the GATE rank in the year 2007, according to which Yammani Chandra Sekhar with Serial No.5, Roll No. 071705 opted for Power System Engineering.

The Director of NIT, Warangal furnished the RTI reply dated 3-09-2019 stating that Dr. Yammani Chandra Sekhar, Assistant Professor in EEE Department belongs to Hindu Settibalija which is under OBC Category. As per the letter dated 17-09-2021 furnished by the Deputy Registrar, NIT, Warangal Dr. Yammani Chandra Sekhar joined as Assistant Professor on 29-03-2012."

As per letter dated 21-07-2021 the Principal of RVR & JC College of Engineering furnished the information in respect of Yammani Saraswati who availed fees reimbursement under BC Category during the academic year 2013-2014 in MTech course.

The Complainant furnished online information relating to Ration Card bearing No. WAP0726217130071 with family members Yammani Nasaraiah, Yammani Adilakshmi, Yammani Chandra Sekhar & Yammani Saraswati. He also furnished the information from the online site wherein the Annual Income of the members in the card mentioned.

The DSO, Guntur in her letter dated 22-10-2021 informed that the White Ration Card bearing No. WAP0726217130071 issued to Yammani Nasaraiah was cancelled.

Sri Yammani Nasaraiah filed a representation stating that they belong to Settibalija by caste since the time of their ancestors and stated that Marneni Joseph alias Jogaiah Naidu S/o Chinnaiah is the father-in-law of his daughter Saraswati. The marriage of his daughter was performed with Chinnaiah S/o Marneni Joseph on 29-01-2017 in Guntur and his daughter gave birth to a female child. His daughter is physically handicapped; he performed the marriage in a befitting manner.

Thereafter, his son-in-law and in-laws started harassing his daughter for additional dowry and his son-in-law sent away his daughter from his house during January, 2019. Thereafter, his daughter is staying in his house at Guntur. His daughter filed a complaint in Women Police Station and Mobile Court. Since, they filed a police complaint against their in laws, Sri.Marneni Joseph started filing complaint petitions alleging that his family members obtained false caste certificates. Sri Nasaraiah claimed that his family members belong to Setti balija.

Earlier in his representation dt.05.09.2020, Sri Yammani Nasaraiah has stated that he belongs to Eediga Balija (BC-B) caste and furnished a copy of caste certificate.04.12.1980 issued by the Tahsildar, Sattenapalli. He stated that he has not utilized his caste certificate for any financial benefit and he joined in employment in General Category and his ancestors are working as toddy tappers. He moved to Vijyawada around the year 1975 from Prakasam District. He claimed Eediga Balija and Setti Balija are same sub castes. His wife Y.Adi Lakshmi working as Aaya in GGH Guntur belongs to perika balija BC-B. He stated that his younger daughter Y.Saraswathi obtained caste certificate as Perika Balija BC-B from the Tahsildar, Guntur dated.28.04.2007.

The District Collector, Prakasam sent a report submitted by the Tahsildar, Tripurantakam wherein the Tahsildar conducted an enquiry and submitted a specific report stating that Yammani Nasaraiah hailed from Hasanapuram hamlet of Dupadu Village of Tripurantakam Mandal, and people with surname Yammani belongs to Balija (OC). It is further reported that Yammani Nasaraiah left the village about 50 years back and settled at Guntur to earn livelihood.

The enquiry made by the Tahsildar, Guntur East revealed that during enquiry that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah S/o Venkataiah and his family members claimed as Ediga Balija, Perika Balija and Setti Balija BC-B caste.

As per rule 18 of the Andhra Pradesh SCs, STs & BCs regulation of issue of Community, Certificate rules 1997, the procedure laid down for enquiry on complaints is as follows:

Whenever complaints are received regarding the community claim of any employee / perspective employee / student claiming to belong to a Scheduled Caste / Scheduled tribe or Backward Class, the appointing authority / employer / educational institution must refer the case only to the District Collector of the District from where the competent authority had issued the certificate. The District Collector shall in turn get it verified by the Scrutiny Committee constituted at the District level as per Rule-8. The District Collector would inform the final action to the appointing authority / employer / educational institution within a period of 90 (ninety) days from the date of the receipt of the complaint by him / her from the appointing authority / employer / educational institution.

The DLSC thoroughly examined the contents of the complaint petition, the reports submitted by the RDO, Guntur and the Tahsildar, Guntur East and the DD, B.C Welfare, Guntur and the reports received from the District, Collector, Prakasam and Krishna districts and gone through the recorded evidence filed by the complainant and the defence statement filed by the respondents and came to a conclusion that Sri.Yammani Nasaraiah who was native of Dupadu Village of Tripurantakam Mandal of Prakasam District belongs to Balija caste which comes under OC category but he obtained caste certificate as belonging to Ediga Balija - BC dt. 04.12.1980 from the Tahsildar, Sattenapalli Taluk. His wife Smt.Yammani Adi Lakshmi obtained caste certificate dt. 08.07.1991 as Perika Balija from the MRO, Guntur and his daughter Smt.Yammani Saraswathi obtained caste certificate dt. 28.04.2007 as Perika Balija- BC-B from MRO, Guntur and his son Sri. Yammani Chandrasekhar obtained Caste Certificate as Setti Balija from the Tahsildar, Vijayawada Urban. Further the caste of the family members recorded differently as Perika Balija, Ediga Balija and Setti Balija in the School / College TC where as their caste origin is Balija-OC. Therefore the Caste Certificates obtained by Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members are liable for cancellation.

Details of the Caste Certificates :

S.No.	Name of the Individual	Certificate Issued by	Certificate date	Caste mentioned in the certificate
1.	Yammani Nasaraiah	Tahsildar, Sattenapalli Taluk	04.12.1980	Ediga Balija – BC-B
2.	Yammani Adi Lakshmi	Mandal Revenue Officer, Guntur.	08.07.1991	Perika Balija – BC-B.
3.	Yammani Saraswathi	Tahsildar, Guntur.	28.04.2007	Perika Balija – BC-B
4.	Yammani Chandra Sekhar	Tahsildar, Vijayawada Urban Krishna.	17.12.2007	Setti Balija – BC-B

As per rule18 of the A.P. (SCs, STs & BCs) regulation of Issue of Community, Certificate rules 1997, the Collector, NTR District has to take necessary action on the status of the caste certificate issued to Sri. Yammani Chandrasekhar. Therefore the findings of the DLSC Guntur were forwarded to the Collector, NTR District, Vijayawada for taking necessary action.

The findings of the DLSC were accordingly forwarded to the District Collector, Guntur recommending for cancellation of the caste certificates obtained by Sri. Yammani Nasaraiah, and his family members in Guntur District.

The District Collector, Guntur issued a final notice to Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members to file any objections on the recommendations of the DLSC within 7 days of the receipt of the notice. The enquiry posted to 13.07.2022.

Sri Yammani Nasaraiah requested to grant time of at least 4 weeks for submission of his objections, to facilitate submission of detailed and relevant information since he need to collect the information and details relevant for considering his caste claim for about 100 years. And further requested to provide copies of the reports submitted by the RDO, Guntur, the Tahsildar, Guntur East, the DD, BC welfare, Guntur, the Collector, Prakasam District and the Collector, Krishna District. Copies of the requested reports were given to Sri Yammani Nasaraiah.

Subsequently, the Collector & District Magistrate granted 2 weeks time for submission of explanation as per request made by the respondents.

Sri Yammani Nasaraiah has filed written reply to the notice issued by the Collector. Full text of the deposition of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah is reproduced below.

- The present proceedings under Section 5 of Act 16 of 1993 on a false complaint lodged by the complainant Sri Marneni Joseph S/o Chinnaiah with personal grudge against my family due to certain family differences crept up over a period of time, between his son and my daughter who got married to each other.
- The Respected Joint Collector & Addl. Dist. Magistrate and Chairman of DLSC, Guntur vide their Letter in Rc.No. REVGNT-CSECOVCIN(VER)/155/2019-SA(C4)-COLGNT, dt:11.09.2020, followed by reminders has requested the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District - to cause enquiry on my claim that his ancestors belong to "Ediga Balija" Caste and the persons with surname "Yammani" belong to "Ediga Balija" residing in Tripuranthakam Mandal, whereas in reply to the said reference the Respected Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, forwarded the report of the Tahsildar, Thripuranthakam, vide his letter Rc./51/2021, dt: 12.03.2021- which clearly disclose that- There are 10 families having surname "Yammani" were residing at Hasanapuram Village of Tripuranthakam Mandal. Sri Yammani Gali Venkateswarlu S/o Guravaiah and others have stated the 60 years back, the people having "Yammani " Surname belong to "Ediga Balija" and at present the people with Surname "Yammani " belongs to "Setti Balija" – the said finding clearly establish that the same caste previously Known as "Ediga Balija" has been changed as "Setti Balija" over a period of time, by usage and changed culture, customs and practise in the society . As such there is no irregularity or illegality in the caste certificates held either by me or by my family members, more particularly of my son Mr. Chandra Sekhar. However , under the premise of information verified from the School Records and Birth and death Registers for the Years 1978, 1985, 1998 the Surname with "Yammani " are noted as Balija and accordingly concluded by generalizing that the people with "Yammani Surname belong to " Balija" comes under "OC" category.

- The said report and conclusion is totally contrary to the reference and shall not be relied upon in the context of the present enquiry. When the reference is to enquire about my ancestors but the report did not contain any relevant information as to my ancestors in any manner and purely referred to the recent/present position.
- The purpose of said report, they deliberately ignored and overlooked various records that contain information of Settialija, Perika Balija, with the same surnames of records pertaining to the schools of same Mandal, for kind perusal and verification of facts. It is a known fact that same surname would continue for the people of different communities, across the State.
- The people with "Yammani " Surname are residing in Atmakur Mandal of Kurnool District, Nalgonda Mandal, and while some of them belong to SC –Mala Community, and others belong to Perika Community and the copies of few of such people are also submitted herewith for your kind perusal and information. Thus the conclusion arrived at by the Hon'ble DLSC that the people with surname of "Yammani" belong to Balija –OC Community, based on the information of few of such people residing at Thripuranthakam Mandal is absolutely not objective judgment and it is obviously a formalization process of predetermined conclusion, based on subjective factors of undue influence and external pressure on them in one form or the other.
- The alleged claim of the complainant that we basically belong to Prakasam District and belong to Balija Community is absolutely incorrect, false and invented for the purpose of the complaint as a technique to black mail and arm twist tactics to create pressure on our family to yield to their demands in the family dispute between his son and my daughter as explained above. I further humbly submit that basically my ancestors belong to Setti Balija community and hails from West Godavari District later migrated to Vijayawada in Krishna District and subsequently my parents moved to Thripuranthakam Mandal and presently staying in Guntur District- in between some period of time I stayed at Vijayawada & Sattenapally in search of livelihood. Whereas, predecessors/ ancestors of my wife Smt. Adilakshmi hails from Warangal District and her parents migrated to Vijayawada,(around 1947) they belong to Perika Balija @ Perika (SI No. 15 of list of BCB Castes). Mother of my wife belong to "Gopu" (Surname) family and her father's surname was "Katika". The close blood relatives of wife have migrated to Guntur District. Approximately there are about 30-50 families in Guntur District who are also under Perika Balija @ Perikal, a written confirmation of their relationship with our family supported by copies of the caste certificate of few of them are also submitted herewith for favour ready reference and kind perusal.
- Since his parents were illiterates. He is also not highly educated, they don't have proper records of either our birth details or of caste records on paper, till he approached Tahsildar, Sattenapalli for Caste Certificate during 1980, when it was required by him in search of some opportunity to work on regular basis. On through verification and enquiry of the antecedents and background

of his family, he was granted with caste Certificate confirming he belong to "Ediga Balija". He did not submit any false information or committed any fraud in obtaining such certificate.

- He came to understand that the "Ediga" (Taddy tappers) Community have collectively changed the name of their caste as "Setti Balija" during the year 1920 and the said community had also celebrated Centenary celebrations during 2020, the said society also appear to have celebrated Golden Jubilee duly honoring the community elders. The documentary proof of such celebrations secured from web portals/social media data base is submitted herewith for your kind perusal and to appreciate the facts and circumstances in right perspective. He humbly submit that the communities of "Gowda" settibalija, Ediga, Srisaina, Kalali" were all along sailing together and they are all classified under sale category even for reservation purpose. When his son required Caste Certificate, the concerned officials expressed that there is no case as "Ediga Balija" as per records. Finally after through verification and enquiry his son was granted with caste certificate confirming that he belong to "Setti Balija" community stating that all these caste names are being used interchangeably. Apart from that there is no fraud or misrepresentations made by them in seeking caste certificate for any of the members of his family.
- In the context of present case on hand, it is more relevant to refer the findings of Hon'ble High Court in the judgment dated: 05.09.1986 render in the case of V. Narayana Rao and others Vs State of Andhra Pradesh and another (Reported at AIR 1987 AP 53, which is reproduced here under for four of your kind perusal and ready reference:

Sri Yammanni Narasaraiah referred to the following Quote:

- ❖ "Setti Balija" is only a synonym for "Ediga". The 1921 census shows "Setti Balijas" are shown under "idigas". The description is 'Idiga', Arya Hihida, Setti Balija" Balijas are separately shown. Thus no deduction can be made on the ground that "Setti Balijas" are included in Balijas' in 1921 census. This is a misleading contention. The deduction on account of "Krishna Balijas" and Perika Balijas", even if any, may not be significant. The population of "Krishna Balijas" in 1968 as per Anantharaman Commission is 53,237. The population of "Perika Balijas" is not separately shown. So far as the argument based upon "Vannekula Kshtriyas", "Agni Kshtriyas", "Puragiri Kshtriyas" and "Thogataveera Kshtriyas" is concerned, the argument seems to be wholly misleading. The census Books show that "Agni kshtriyas", "Vanekula Kshtriyas", and " Pallis" are separately enumerated, and are not included among "Kshtriyas" who are separately enumerated. If so, there is no question of any deduction from the percentage of Kshtriyas.
- Under the aforesaid circumstances particularly in view the aforesaid findings of Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, the opinion expressed by the DLSC vide their recommendations, for final decision of the authorities are quite unwarranted and subjectively arrived with mala fide

intentions to get rid of the persistent complaints and follow up by the complainant by somehow closing the issue in favour of complainant. He stated that there is no jurisdiction in concluding that all the people of "Yammani" Surname belong to Balija –OC Community. Thus the recommendation of the DLSC for recalling the caste certificate issued to his family members is illegal biased and liable to be rejected. He argued that there is no truth in the allegation that himself and his family members have obtained false caste certificates for availing reservation is absolutely misleading and ill intended. To decide the validity or otherwise of any certificate issued by a competent Government authority, it is required to rely on the record maintained by the such authority and only in the event that any of the information or documents submitted there for are found fraudulent or fabricated, then such certificates can be recalled. But not such issues have been alleged or raised in our case. In the process of enquiry the DLSC never gone into the record of the office of concerned issuing authority and arbitrarily recommended for action for cancellation of the certificates of their family members, thereby causing irreparable loss and damage to their lives and future of their children, in a subjective and predetermined manner.

Finally, Sri Yammani Nasaraiah requested to reject the complaint on hand under enquiry as false and ill intended, in the interest of equity and justice.

The arguments made by the respondent are not tenable. The DLSC made thorough enquiry. The enquiry made by the Tahsildar, Tripuranthakam revealed that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah is a native of Dupadu village and hailed Balija caste which comes under OC category. But he has obtained Eediga (BC-B), Perika Balija(BC-B) and Setti Balija(BC_B) caste certificates for himself and his children. There is no proof filed by Smt Y. Adilakshmi wife of Yammani Nasaraiah that she hailed from Perika Balija(BC_B).

Initially Sri Yammani Nasaraiah stated that his ancestors belong to Prakasam District. After receiving a copy of DLSC recommendations and Show Cause Notice issued by the District Collector, he stated that his ancestors originally hailed from West Godavri District, later migrated to Krishna District and then Prakasam District. But he has not produced any documentary evidence in support of this claim. On the other hand, the Tahsildar, Tripuranthakam who enquired about the ancestors of Sri Yammani Nasaraiah at Hasanapuram H/o Dupadu village stated that the ancestors of Yammani Nasaraiah belong to Balija and they belong to OC and that Sri Yammani Nasaraiah migrated to Guntur District 50 years back for his livelihood. On the other hand no recorded evidence was produced by Sri Yammani Nasaraiah in support of his claim. Therefore the claim made by Sri Yammani Nasaraiah that his ancestors hailed from West Godavari District cannot be accepted.

After due examination of the report of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred, under Sub Rule 7 of Rule 9 of A.P. by the Government under Rule (9) of A.P. (SC/ST & BC) Issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 (G.O.Ms. No.58 S.W. (J) Dept., dated. 12.05.1997) read with section 5 (i) of A.P. (SCs, STs and BCs) Regulation of Issue of Community,

Certificates, Act 16 of 1993. I, M.Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby cancel all the BC caste certificates obtained by Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members in Guntur District along with the following caste certificates noticed in the enquiry.

1. Ediga Balija – BC-B, dt. 04.12.1980 issued to Sri Yammani Nasaraiah by the Tahsildar, Sattenapalli Taluk.
2. Perika Balija – BC-B, dt.08.07.1991 issued to Smt Yammani Adi Lakshmi by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Guntur.
3. Perika Balija – BC-B, dt. 28.04.2007 issued to Yammani Saraswathi by the Tahsildar, Guntur.

A notification to this effect shall be published in the A.P.State Gazette extraordinary.

An appeal against this order lies before the Government within thirty (30) days from the publication of order in the Andhra Pradesh State Gazette as per Section 7 (2) of Act 16 of 1993.

M. VENU GOPAL REDDY,
Collector and District Magistrate,
Guntur.

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7. Sri Marneni Joseph S/o Chinnaiah, Brahmanakoduru Village, Ponnuru Mandal, Guntur District.

Rc.No.REVGNT-CSECOVCIN(VER)/155/2019-SA(C4)-COLGNT(Rc.No.1562/2022/C4)Dated: 01.10.2022**NOTIFICATION**

In view of the recommendations of the District Level Scrutiny Committee and in exercise of powers conferred under section 5 (1) of the A.P. (SC/ST/BC) Issue of community certificate Act 16 of 1993 r/w Sub-Rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC/ST/BC) issue of Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate Rules, 1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, Dt: 12-5-1997, I, M.Venu Gopal Reddy, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Guntur do hereby cancel all the BC caste certificates obtained by Sri Yammani Nasaraiah and his family members in Guntur District along with the following caste certificates noticed in the enquiry.

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